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1. THE ABILITY OF THE KHMER ARMED FORCES TO CONTINUE  
COMBAT OPERATIONS FOLLOWING A CESSATION OF U.S. AIR  
COMBAT SUPPORT IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE EARLY FUNDING  
AND SUPPLY OF MAP MATERIEL IDENTIFIED BY CHMEDTC IN  
REFS A AND B. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT FIRST QUARTER  
CAMBODIAN MAP FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 55.8 MILLION DOLLARS  
BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS NOTED IN REF B CRA  
FUNDING ADDITIONAL TO THAT OF \$41.1 MILLION ORIGINALLY  
PROPOSED BY US ON THE ASSUMPTION U.S. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT  
WOULD BE AVAILABLE IS REQUIRED TO PLACE FANK IN THE BEST  
POSSIBLE POSITION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO  
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AUGUST 15. IN ADDITION TO EXPEDITIOUS FUNDING ACTION,

EXTRAORDINARY SUPPLY ACTION WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY  
TO ENSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF URGENTLY REQUIRED ITEMS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AIRLIFT PRIORITIES, FUNDS ARE  
REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY TO AIRLIFT SEVEN T-28 PEACE POST AIR-  
CRAFT TO THAILAND FOR ASSEMBLY AND FURTHER TRANSPORT TO  
PHNOM PENH. CHMEDTC DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT CAMBODIAN  
MAP SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE AIRLIFT TO THAILAND  
OR FOR OTHER PREMIUM AIRLIFT OF HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS AND  
AMMUNITION FROM DEPOTS OUTSIDE OF THAILAND. I AGREE.

3. THE SURVIVAL OF PHNOM PENH PRIOR TO AND DURING  
NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRES AT A MINIMUM THAT THE MEKONG AND  
ROUTE 4 LOCS BE KEPT OPEN. FUNDING OF ROUTE 4 MAP  
REQUIREMENTS IS THEREFORE ALSO ESSENTIAL.

4. A DECISION TO FUND THE CAMBODIAN MAP, AT EITHER THE  
\$33.2 MILLION OR \$36.7 MILLION LEVELS (REF C, PARA 3),  
WOULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET EVEN MINIMAL  
FIRST QUARTER REQUIREMENTS. THE ORIGINAL FIRST QUARTER  
FUNDS REQUEST FOR \$41.1 MILLION, AS ALREADY INDICATED,  
ASSUMED CONTINUED U.S. AIR SUPPORT. THE REQUEST ALSO  
REFLECTED AN AUSTERE POSITION ON ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR  
CRITICAL ITEMS. TO DECREASE THESE FUNDS IN ORDER TO  
PROVIDE AIRLIFT AND ROUTE 4 FUNDS IS NOT FEASIBLE.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT \$55.8 MILLION IN CRA FUNDING  
BE PROVIDED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER FOR CAMBODIAN MAP.

6. REGARDING AID ITEMS FOR ROUTE 4, WE ASSUME FROM  
REF C THAT AID/W HAS ESTIMATED THE COST OF 154 TANK  
TRUCKS AT \$2.8 MILLION. THE 154 TRUCKS, WHICH COULD  
TRANSPORT APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF PHNOM PENH POL  
REQUIREMENTS, ARE NECESSARY IF ROUTE 4 IS TO BE A  
FULLY OPERATIVE ALTERNATE LOC TO THE MEKONG FOR THE  
SUPPLY OF PHNOM PENH. WE ESTIMATE THAT PROCUREMENT AND  
DELIVERY OF NEW TRUCKS WOULD TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AND  
THAT THE TRUCKS WOULD THUS BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE NEXT  
DRY SEASON. DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL MONEYS INVOLVED, WE  
BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH THIS PROCUREMENT AS A  
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DRY SEASON CONTINGENCY MEASURE, PROVIDED AID/W CAN  
CONFIRM A LEAD TIME OF NO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. IN THE  
INTERVAL, PHNOM PENH WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE MEKONG.  
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